

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Art Wittich, on February 4, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Art Wittich, Chair (R)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Phoebe Williams, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 318, 1/30/2015; HB 349, 1/30/2015
Executive Action: HB 348, HB 319, HB 191 and SB 5

HEARING ON HB 349**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:59 Rep. Kathleen Williams (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 349, Address discriminatory health insurance policy practices.

[EXHIBIT\(huh25a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:32 Christina Goe, State Auditor, Montana Insurance Commissioners Office
00:06:44 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network
00:07:10 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project
00:07:41 Erin McGowan, Association of Public health Officials, Montana Public Health Association, Montana Cancer Society - Cancer Action Network, AARP of Montana, Leukemia, Lymphoma Society, Multiple Sclerosis Society and Riverstone Health.
00:09:14 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:09:56 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:36 Rep. Hess
00:12:55 Rep. Williams
00:12:59 Rep. Hess
00:13:09 Rep. Williams
00:13:31 Christina Goe, State Auditor's Office
00:14:00 Chairman Wittich
00:14:40 Rep. Williams
00:15:26 Chairman Wittich
00:15:36 Rep. Williams
00:15:48 Christina Goe, State Auditor's Office
00:16:10 Chairman Wittich
00:16:19 Christina Goe, State Auditor's Office
00:16:41 Rep. Wagoner
00:17:23 Bruce Spencer,
00:17:45 Chairman Wittich
00:17:49 Bruce Spencer, AHIP
00:17:57 Rep. Eck
00:18:09 Rep. Wagoner
00:18:19 Rep. Eck
00:18:24 Christina Goe, State Auditors Office
00:20:09 Chairman Wittich

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:18 Rep. Williams

HEARING ON HB 318**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:22:54 Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D), HD 90, opened the hearing on HB 318, Require insurance coverage for children with down syndrome.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:13 Sarah Corbally, Self
00:28:28 Susan Ramsey, Self
00:29:07 Rachel Stansberry, Montana Speech Language and Hearing Association (MSHA)
00:30:59 Bruce Brensdol, Self
00:31:48 Wally Melcher, Montana Association for Community Disability Advocates (MACDS)

[EXHIBIT\(huh25a02\)](#)**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:34:03 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans (MHIP)

Informational Testimony:**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:37:11 Rep. Olszewski
00:37:55 Rachel Stansberry, MSHA
00:37:58 Rep. Olszewski
00:38:06 Rachel Stansberry, MSHA
00:38:43 Rep. Wagoner
00:39:04 Rachel Stansberry, MSHA
00:40:09 Rep. Karjala
00:40:57 Rachel Stansberry, MSHA
00:41:26 Chairman Wittich
00:42:16 Sue O'Connell, LSD
00:42:37 Chairman Wittich
00:42:46 Sue O'Connell, LSD
00:43:00 Chairman Wittich
00:43:28 Rep. Hill
00:43:50 Chairman Wittich
00:44:38 Rep. Hill
00:46:31 Wally Melcher, MACDS
00:47:54 Rep. Pierson
00:48:34 Chairman Wittich
00:48:59 Rep. Hill
00:50:42 Rep. Hayman
00:51:29 Rachel Stansberry, MSHA
00:52:37 Rep. Olszewski
00:54:01 Rep. Karjala

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:58 Rep. Hill

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 319

01:00:06 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **HB 319 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:01:19 Chairman Wittich

01:01:30 Rep. Olszewski

01:01:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting no. Rep. Doane and Rep. Mandeville voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 5

01:03:21 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SB 5 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. Mandeville voted by proxy. Rep. Salomon will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 191

01:04:45 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **HB 191 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:05:07 Rep. Eck

01:06:14 Chairman Wittich

01:06:37 Rep. Eck

01:08:52 Chairman Wittich

01:09:12 Rep. Eck

01:09:36 Rep. Mandeville joined the meeting

01:10:07 Chairman Wittich

01:10:14 Rep. Eck

01:10:34 Chairman Wittich

01:10:40 Beth Brennaman, Disability Rights Montana

01:11:14 Rep. Eck

01:11:40 Chairman Wittich

01:12:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 348

01:13:08 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **HB 348 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:13:21 Rep. Redfield

01:13:52 Chairman Wittich

01:14:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting no. Rep. Doane voted by proxy.

01:15:15 Chairman Wittich

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:19:23

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh25aad.pdf](#))